



MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Attorney Docket No. 26581U

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MARX et al.

Examiner: JEAN-LOUIS, Samira

Serial No.: 10/524,821

Art Unit: 1617

Filed: February 18, 2005

For: **THE USE OF THE COMBINATION OF CICLESONIDE AND ANTIHISTAMINES
FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALLERGIC RHINITIS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Official Action dated January 23, 2009. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired April 23, 2009. Accordingly, a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith, extending the time for Response to July 23, 2009. As such, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner. Further, in order to remove the finality of the Official Action, applicants have filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow the amended claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.